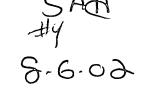
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The references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 are submitted herewith.

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